THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that the studies got conducted by Government of NCT of Delhi have recommended that the nallahs in which sludge/effluent are flowing are to be kept totally open. The Municipal Corporation has now approved a policy to carry out Environment Impact Assessment Study to make appropriate recommendations for covering the nallahs were no sewage effluent is flowing.

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that it has proposals for covering 1300 Meter of open drain in DIZ area and 5000 Meter of open drains in Chanakyapuri/S.P. Marg at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 lakhs.

(c) NDMC, MCD and Delhi Jal Board have not reported any such offer of development funds.

(d) Does not arise.

Unauthourised constructions around Talkatora Stadium

757. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale unauthorised constructions have come up around the Talkatora Stadium/Club/Garden in the NDMC area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such illegal occupants are getting water and electricity supplies in connivance with the NDMC officials; and

(d) if so, the details therof any by when all such illegal constructions are likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that there are some unauthorized construction mainly in the form of temporary structures on the land adjoining Talkatora Garden.

(c) NDMC has reported that it has disconnected illegal electrical connections made by the occupants from time to time. It is also reported that no water supply connection has been given by NDMC to these occupants.

(d) A joint survey has been conducted by NDMC, L & DO and CPWD with a view to removing the encroachments.

Creation of new job opportunities

†758. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are consdering over a plan to create new job opportunities in the urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the additional job opportunities likely to be created under this plan; and

(d) the amount to be spent on its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) (a) to (d) Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities, both in urban and rural areas, during 2002-07. To create employment potential Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme, named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis w.e.f. 1.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor through, firstly, by encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), on all India basis, targets to provide 4,00,000 employment opportunities to the urban poor, through setting up of micro/group enterprises and to impart skill training to 5,00,000 persons have been fixed under SJSRY. The total Tenth Five Year Plan Budget allocation for SJSRY is Rs. 541.00 crore.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.